

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Emma Knopp was born on February 20, 1905, in a farm home south of Bowdle, South Dakota, and grew up with four sisters and one brother; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Emma married Fred G. Biel on December 24, 1924, and to that union two children were born: Genevieve and Warren, and they were also blessed with four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two great, great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Emma has been a lifetime member of the Congregational/UCC churches in Selby and Aberdeen, South Dakota, she has spent many years caring for others in need, she is an avid reader, and loves to crochet; and,

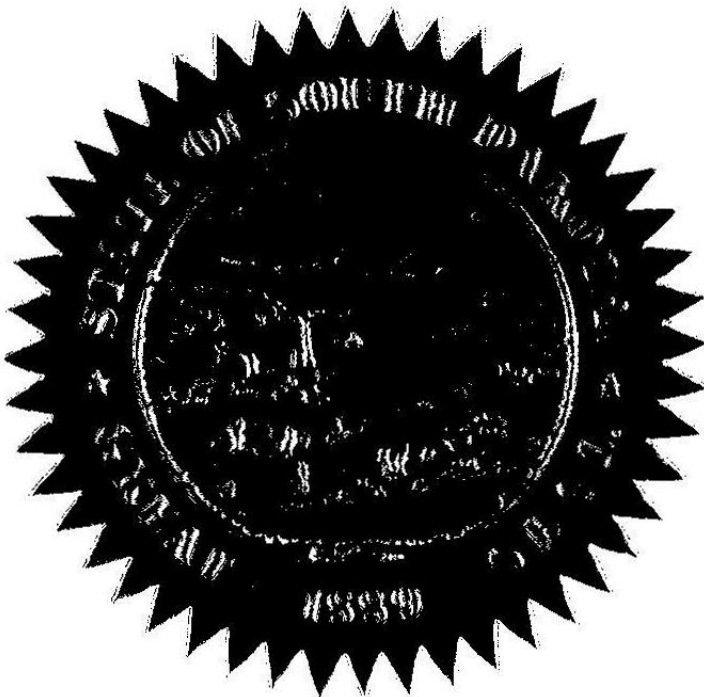
Whereas, Emma will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 20, 2005, as

EMMA BIEL DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her friends and family in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State